



BROWNFIELDS JOB TRAINING PILOTS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has begun accepting applications for Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilots through October 16, 2000. The Agency intends to competitively select 10 pilots by December 2000. The Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilots will each be funded up to \$200,000 over two-years.

These funds are to be used to bring together community groups, job training organizations, employers, investors, lenders, developers, and other affected parties to address the issue of providing training for residents in communities impacted by brownfields. The goals of the pilots are to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites contaminated with hazardous substances and prepare the trainees for future employment in the environmental field.

Pilot applicants must be located within or near one of the 307 pre-2000 brownfields assessment pilot communities. Colleges, universities, non-profit training centers, community-based job training organizations, states, cities, towns, counties, U.S. Territories, and Federally recognized Indian Tribes are eligible to apply for funds.

Interested applicants must submit a response to the Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilot Guidelines. Job training guidelines can be obtained via the Internet: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields> or by calling the Superfund Hotline at 1-800-424-9346 (TDD at 1-800-553-7672). For further information, contact Myra Blakely at (202) 260-4527.